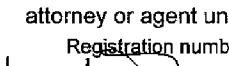
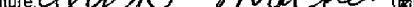


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2009</b> <i>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)</i>		Docket Number (Optional) D0188.70162US01
Application Number	10/014,991-Conf. #4207	Filed December 11, 2001
For MEDICAL SUTURE INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE (ONUX SALUTE AND TOUCHÉ DEVICES)		
Art Unit	3773	Examiner V. Q. Bui
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.		
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):		
	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$130	\$65
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<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2350	\$1175
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>23/2825</u> .		
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>		
I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor. <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>52,078</u> <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34  <u>Signature</u>		
<u>Walt Norfleet</u> <u>Typed or printed name</u>		<u>February 2, 2009</u> <u>Date</u>
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Total of	<u>1</u>	forms are submitted.

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